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MORE LIVING-ROOM STORAGE SPACE

If the living-room carries out its function - a place for all the family in which to gather for the occupations that come after the work is done - it requires a certain amount of recreational equipment. Some will be for the adults, some for the children; some will be enjoyed by all.

The housewife's problem is to store and to take care of the things that are used in the living room so that they are convenient when wanted but out of sight if not in use. Toys, children's books, and game boards, card tables and covers for them, small musical instruments, sheet music, gramophone records, magazine files, and perhaps the mother's mending basket or bag of fancy work. What a miscellany! Things of quite different shapes and sizes, many of them bulky, hardly any of them decorative. Many families also like to store keepsakes, such as school books, photographs, relics, and curios, in or near the living room.

Clearly a well-planned closet of some sort is called for. Strangely enough, very few living rooms have closets of any description. Sometimes there is a small coat or wrap closet located in the living room or near it, which could be fitted with well-designed shelves and possibly some drawers underneath them for toys and games.

If a house is being built or remodeled, this need can be met to suit the particular activities of the family that is to live in the house. Perhaps bookcases in some other part of the room will take care of the children.

books as well as the family's permanent reading matter and the magazines that are saved.

The arrangement of any available closet space for the other articles ought to be most carefully thought out, _____
(Home management specialist) believes. Everybody in the family will use the closet, so it should be possible to remove any article without disturbing others and without climbing or crouching to reach it.

That means a closet with somewhat shallow shelves, spaces to hold objects of unusual shape, and situated according to the height of the users and the frequency of use. The children will need the one lower section, while keepsakes and curios may be stored on the highest shelves. Sometimes a few drawers or sliding trays are better than open shelves only. Shelves should be adjustable at about 2-inch intervals.

One good type of closet may be turned into a child's study when the need for storing toys is past. If a space 42 by 72 inches can be partitioned off a corner of the living room, with a window in it for light and ventilation, it will permit a small desk or typewriter table in front of the window and a tier of shelves across the opposite end.

